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TAGS: CSCE, TGEN
SUBJECT: CSCE MEETING OF EXPERTS ON SCIENTIFIC FORUM:
BULGARIAN AGENDA PROPOSAL

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF BULGARIAN PROPOSAL FOR AGENDA
OF SCIENTIFIC FORUM TABLED JULY 4, 1978:

BEGIN TEXT:

PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE SCIENTIFIC FORUM SUBMITTED BY
THE DELEGATION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

1. FORMAL OPENING OF THE SCIENTIFIC FORUM;
ADDRESS BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOST COUNTRY;
ADDRESS BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED
NATIONS OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE;
CONTRIBUTION BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE
UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE OR
HIS REPRESENTATIVE;
CONTRIBUTION BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF UNESCO OR
HIS REPRESENTATIVE.

2. OPENING STATEMENT BY HEADS OR REPRESENTATIVES OF
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DELEGATIONS OF STATES PARTICIPATING IN THE
SCIENTIFIC FORUM.

3. DISCUSSION OF INTERRELATED PROBLEMS OF COMMON
INTEREST CONCERNING CURRENT AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS
IN SCIENCE, AND PROMOTION OF EXPANSION OF CONTACTS,
COMMUNICATIONS AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN

SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS AND AMONG SCIENTISTS:

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4. PREPARATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DEVELOPING IN THE FIELD OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, ON A BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL BASIS, THE CO-ORDINATION OF PROGRAMMES CARRIED OUT IN THE PARTICIPATING STATES AND THE ORGANIZATION OF JOINT PROGRAMMES ON THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PROBLEMS; DRAFTING AND ADOPTION OF A CONCLUDING DOCUMENT OF THE SCIENTIFIC FORUM.

5. CLOSING STATEMENTS BY HEADS OR REPRESENTATIVES OF DELEGATIONS OF STATES PARTICIPATING IN THE SCIENTIFIC FORUM.

6. FORMAL CLOSURE OF THE SCIENTIFIC FORUM.

END TEXT.

2. IN A SESSION FOCUSING BY AGREEMENT ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE AGENDA BUT THE TOPICS FOR THE FORUM, WESTERN DELS HAVE QUESTIONED NEED FOR SGUN OR DEPUTY TO ADDRESS FORUM ON GROUNDS THAT MEETING IS SCIENTIFIC AND THAT AT LEAST WESTERN DELEGATIONS WILL NOT BE OFFICIAL REPS OF GOVERNMENTS. THEY HAVE FURTHERMORE CONFIDENTIAL

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SUGGESTED THAT PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM 2 BE REDRAFTED SO AS NOT TO ENCOURAGE EACH DELEGATION TO MAKE OPENING REMARKS. UNDER ITEM 3 WESTERN DELS HAVE EXPRESSED A PREFERENCE FOR GENERAL THEME PROPOSED BY DENMARK: "THE ROLE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN SATISFYING HUMAN NEEDS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PROMOTION OF SCIENTIFIC CONTACTS TO THIS END." (SUB-THEMES, STILL TO BE DECIDED UPON WOULD BE INCLUDED IN AGENDA UNDER THIS ITEM). COMMENT: AS REPORTED EARLIER, INSISTENCE ON DANISH THEME IS TACTICAL POSITION THAT MOST WESTERN DELS ARE WILLING TO MODIFY AT LATER DATE. END COMMENT. ALLIED DELS HAVE ALSO NOTED THAT AGENDA ITEM 4 AS WORDED IN BULGARIAN PAPER, COULD FORCE PARTICIPANTS TO SHIFT ATTENTION FROM PRIMARY OBJECTIVE, DISCUSSION OF FORUM THEMES, TO SECONDARY TASK, NEGOTIATING RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUDING DOCUMENT. THIS IS PARTICULARLY UNDESIRABLE IN LIGHT OF SHORT TIME PERIOD FORUM IS LIKELY TO LAST. AS WITH ITEM 2, AGENDA ITEM 5 HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF PROPOSED REWORDING THAT WOULD NOT ENCOURAGE CLOSING REMARKS. STOESEL

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